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Nunes focuses federal attention on drug war

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In September and October, Rep. Nunes wrote to 3,957 constituents in response to their inquiries.

Year to date, Rep. Nunes has responded to 14,914 constituents via the U.S. Mail.

Furthermore, since Rep. Nunes was elected to Congress he has responded to 43,013 constituent letters via the U.S. Mail.

Joins second committee hearing to educate fellow lawmakers

The federal law enforcement coalition in charge of tracking down and dismantling high-level drug trafficking operations in the Central Valley will get an additional \$550,000 this year, Rep. Devin Nunes announced.

The funds are going to the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) based in Fresno and includes law enforcement officers from Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties. The funds are being made available through the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

"HIDTA is our frontline defense against organized drug trafficking in the Central Valley," said Rep. Nunes, R-Tulare. "I am very pleased this hard-working and innovative group is getting the additional resources they need to protect our communities against the scourge of drug dealers."

In 2004, the Central Valley HIDTA conducted about 864 investigations, 314 more than it conducted in



Each year, local, state and federal law enforcement agents remove tens of thousands of marijuana plants growing in illegal gardens on federal land. Rep. Nunes is seeking additional federal help to eliminate the problem.

2003. It seized almost 192,000 marijuana plants, compared to about 19,000 in 2003, and made more than 1,100 drug-related arrests.

Earlier this year, the Central Valley HIDTA received \$2.2 million in federal funds to combat marijuana

In November, Rep. Nunes joined a National Parks Subcommittee hearing to help focus the attention of his colleagues on the problem of drug production on federal lands.

"We are fighting a guerilla war with drug cartels in our own backyard," Rep. Nunes

said. "This is not a problem we can address one marijuana garden at a time. We need a proactive battle plan that destroys this enemy once and for all. These gardens and the bandits that tend them are a threat to the safety of visitors and employees on federal lands, as well as an environmental disaster to the pristine lands and the communities around them."

The hearing was held in Washington, D.C.

The hearing was the second of its kind focused on

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